

**REMARKS**

Applicant thanks the Examiner for acknowledging receipt and consideration of the IDS's filed on March 9, 2001, September 6, 2001, and February 4, 2004. Applicant filed another IDS on August 26, 2004. It is respectfully requested that the Examiner acknowledge receipt and consideration of applicant's August 26, 2004 IDS.

Applicant has claimed priority from Japanese Patent Application No. 070405, filed March 14, 2000. A certified copy of that priority document was filed in this application on March 9, 2001. Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner acknowledge Applicant's claim to priority and receipt of the certified copy of the priority document.

Claims 1-36 have been examined. Applicant thanks the Examiner for allowing claims 16-25. Applicant also thanks the Examiner for indicating that claims 10-15, 35 and 36 contain allowable subject matter and would be allowed when written in independent form.

Claims 1-9 and 26-34 have been rejected. These rejections are moot in view of the following. Claim 1 has been amended to incorporate the limitations of claims 6 and 10 and thus is now in condition for allowance. Claims 2-5, 7, 8 11, 12, and 13 depend from allowable claim 1 and thus are also in condition for allowance. Claims 6, 9 and 10 have been canceled without disclaimer or prejudice. In addition, claim 14 has been written in independent form to include the limitations of claims 1, 6, and 14. Therefore, claim 14 is also in condition for allowance. Claim 15 which depends from claim 14 is also in condition for allowance.

Claim 26 has been amended to include the limitations of allowable claim 35. Claim 36 has been amended to depend from amended claim 26. Therefore, claims 26-34 and 36 are also in condition for allowance. Claim 35 has been canceled with disclaimer or prejudice.

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111  
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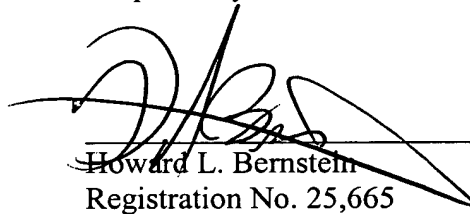
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In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for allowance with claims 1-5, 7, 8, 11-34, and 36 as presented herein. Therefore this application should be passed to issue at the earliest possible time.

If for any reason the Examiner finds this application other in condition for allowance, he is respectfully requested to call the undersigned attorney at the Washington, DC telephone number 202-293-7060 to discuss the steps necessary for placing the application in condition for allowance.

The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account.

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